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SELF EMPLOYMENT TO RURAL YOUTHS IN A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government is providing any technical and entrepreneurship skills to rural youths belonging to families of below poverty line in Andaman & Nicobar Islands to enable them to take up self employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial and material assistance being given to such youths to achieve self employment ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. Under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for the identified activities , Swarojgaris including rural youths belonging to families of below poverty line in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, who need additional skill development/upgradation of skills appropriate training is identified and suitable training programmes are organized for them through Government institutions like engineering colleges, ITIs, Polytechnics, Universities and NGOs. The objective of this training is to ensure that the Swarojgaris possess the Minimum Skill Requirement (MSR) so that they become eligible for assistance. During the period of 2002-03 to 2006-07, a total number of 477 Swarojgaris were trained including rural youths in A&N Island.

(c)The DRDA is authorised to meet the expenses, incurred by the training institutions for both Basic Orientation and Skill Development Training from out of the SGSY Fund not exceeding Rs.5, 000/- per trainee. An amount of Rs. 15.58 lakh has been incurred on training & skill development of youth including rural youths in A&N Islands since inception i.e. 1-4-1999 to 2006-07 of the SGSY scheme to achieve self employment.